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1. TRAVEL TO THE US OF PCI PARLIAMENTARIAN AND PARTY OFFICIAL EUGENIO PEGGIO HAS RECEIVED WIDE PUBLICITY IN THE ITALIAN PRESS. SOURCE FOR THE STORY WAS PEGGIO HIMSELF WHO IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE ASKED FOR A VISA TO GO TO OBSERVE THE IMF PROCEEDINGS IN HIS CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF THE PCI'S STUDY CENTER FOR ECONOMIC POLICY (CESPE) AND RECEIVED IT WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. HE ADDED THAT HE HAS NO PLANS FOR "POLITICAL" ACTIVITIES DURING HIS STAY, BUT THAT HE WOULD HAVE "CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC" MEETINGS PARTICULARLY AT HARVARD AND MIT.

2. COMMUNIST DAILY, PAESE SERA, HEADLINES THE STORY "PCI LEADER (DIRIGENTE DEL PCI) TO WASHINGTON FOR THE IMF" AND MENTIONS IN STORY THAT HE IS MEMBER OF PCI CENTRAL COMMITTEE. STORY CONSISTS ALMOST ENTIRELY OF QUOTE FROM PEGGIO IN WHICH NO MENTION IS MADE OF HIS ROLE AS JOURNALIST, WHICH WAS PUR-

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POSE STATED IN VISA APPLICATION AND BASIS FOR OUR RECOMMEN-

DATION OF WAIVER (REFTEL). LA STAMPA AND IL GIORNALE MENTION HIS ACCREDITATION AS JOURNALIST FOR UNITA AT IMF MEETING, AND LA STAMPA QUOTES HIM AS SAYING THAT HE APPLIED FOR VISA IN HIS CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF CESPE. VISA APPLICATION STATES AS PURPOSE OF TRIP "JOURNALISTIC SERVICES" (SERVIZI GIORNALISTICI) FOR UNITA AND POLITICAL ED ECONOMIA (PARA 1, ROME REFTEL).

3. TO DATE, UNITA HAS NOT MENTIONED PEGGIO'S TRIP. VOLPE

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